RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1007

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Serial No.: 09/747,514 Filed: December 21, 2000 Confirmation No. 1007 Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: T. Gibbs

For: CATABOLITE REPRESSION CONTROL (crc) GENE AND PSUEDOMONAS VIRULENCE

December 15, 2003

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

| 1. | This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) month to | | | |
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| respon | d to the Official Action | n dated September 9, 2003 and | the Advisory Action dated | |
| Novem | nber 21, 2003. | | | |
| 2. | A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested: | | | |
| | is filed herewith. | | | |
| | has been filed. | | | |
| 3. | Applicant: | | | |
| | Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. | | | |
| | Does not claim small entity status. | | | |
| 4. | Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)): | | | |
| | Total Months Requested | Fee For Other Than Small Entity | Fee for Small Entity | |
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\$110.00

\$420.00

\$950.00

\$1,480.00

\$2,010.00

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one month two months

three months

four months

five months

Fee Enclosed \$55.00

\$55.00

\$210.00

\$475.00

\$740.00

\$1,005.00

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| \boxtimes | A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. |
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| | Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed. |
| \boxtimes | Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid. |

Respectfully submitted

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Date of Deposit: December 15, 2003

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Susan E. Freedman

Date of Signature: December 15, 2003